

ISLE AU HAUT HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS MEETING
Thursday, July 21, 2011
Revere Memorial Hall

President Harold Van Doren called the meeting to order at 10:07 am. Members present were Harold Van Doren, Marie Hamly, Brenda Clark, Bill Stevens, Pat and George Cole, Marshall Chapman, Dick Marks and Sharen Wilson.

Pat Cole presented the digital recorder she had purchased for use in compiling oral histories. George Cole pointed out it had several unique features such as the ability to transfer directly to a computer, and software that could convert spoken words to printed copy. This should make oral history taking a lot easier. Pat also reported researching two glass slides for sale on EBay. She felt the price asked was too high, but since the subject matter was valuable she talked to the seller who agreed to let us have both for \$125. Upon motion made and seconded, it was **VOTED: to purchase two glass slides of island houses for \$125.** Bill Stevens mentioned that Penobscot Maritime Museum also had a large collection of photos that might contain some of interest to us.

George Cole gave a brief summary of his experience in filing a successful application for federal 501C-3 status. While time consuming it really is not something so high tech that requires legal assistance. Some of the requirements are demonstrating efforts to gain money from contributions or grants, copies of By-Laws, Articles of Incorporation, conflict of interest policy and efforts to solicit funds from the community. After acquiring tax-free status a Form 990 must be filed annually. The initial application fee for Form 1023 requesting tax-free status is \$850. There are many advantages for our society to acquire this status – large donations are much easier to obtain if donors can claim a deduction on their income tax. George volunteered to give us a copy of his recent successful application to use as a guideline in our efforts. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was **VOTED: to proceed with filing an application for 501C-3 status for our society.**

Bill Stevens reported being contacted by Maine Coast Heritage Foundation for estimates on cleaning up the site around Gooden Grant's fish house in Head Harbor. The trust owns the western side of Head Harbor and if no effort is made to restore the fish house will probably destroy it. In the interest of preserving a vital part of our island's heritage and to ensure a piece of working waterfront property for future generations, we support the restoration effort but feel this project must have input from the community, especially residents of Head Harbor. Harold will compose a letter to the trust that our society supports preservation of the building for historical purposes.

Gerry Wurzburg said she would be glad to put a link on the ICDC website to our website. Stew Foelix has obtained two domain names: isleauhauthistory.org and isleauhauthistory.com. Stew is generously donating the cost.

Harold read a letter from Fred Eustis describing his call to Susannah French about Stan's historical material. She is moving soon to be near the assisted living facility where Stan resides and will be sorting through his things. The soonest she can get together with Fred will be in the fall when he will be given a chance to see what exists.

Marie Hamly reported Dorothy Graf has joined our society and graciously offered to share the Linton history with us. Joan Tilney said she thought she should resign since she has missed meetings. We unanimously refused to accept her resignation and will assure her we hope she will remain a member in

any fashion she wishes. We hope to see her at any future meetings that she can attend. Ingrid Luke also offered to donate some old wills and other documents she has discovered in her efforts at tracing the history of the Rich and Douglass families.

Marie offered to work with Harold on the application for 501C-3 status. Brenda Clark will call the Deer Isle Historical Society to see if they have any inventory of material pertaining to Isle au Haut. It is her hope that we can construct a list of all of our material and where it is located. This would be invaluable to anyone researching our website.

There being no further business, either old or new, upon motion duly made and seconded, it was **VOTED: to adjourn.** Adjourned accordingly at 11:15 a.m.

Marie A. Hamly, Secretary